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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ the drawings:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: GB 890089 A

D2: US 5139104 A

D3: US 5794966 A

The document D1 was not cited in the International Search Report. A copy of the document is appended hereto.

The invention relates to a shock-absorbing hydraulic system for cushioning a structural part of an all-terrain load-carrying vehicle. Such a system should absorb shocks in a vertical direction and suppress possible roll movements of the structural part in order to prevent excessive lateral movements of the structural part. One goal is to design an efficient cushioning in all-terrain conditions, while maintaining the stability of the shock-absorbing system, i.e. to avoid that the structural part assumes an excessive inclination when the vehicle is operated in rough terrain. According to the invention, the front and rear cylinder on each side of the vehicle are coupled in series while each front cylinder is coupled in series with the diagonally opposite rear cylinder.

D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, shows a hydro-pneumatic vehicle suspension device serving both as a springing device and a damping device. The larger differential space in a telescopic element on one side of the vehicle communicates with the smaller differential space in the telescopic element on the other side of the vehicle on one and the same axle and with the liquid space in a first pressure container. Also, the telescopic element on one side and on one axle is cross-connected with the

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Supplemental Box

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telescopic element on the other side and on another axle and therefore both an anti-roll and anti-pitch action is achieved, see figure 6.

D2 shows a device for suspension of a driver's cab in relation to the chassis of a motor vehicle. Each double-acting cylinder on a wheel axle is cross-connected with a double-acting hydraulic cylinder on the opposite side of the vehicle and on another wheel axle.

D3 shows a vehicular suspension system where a front and rear double-acting cylinder on rear and front axles on a vehicle side could be cross-connected, see for example figure 6c.

The invention according to the claims differs from the documents cited above mainly in that the front and rear cylinder on each side of the vehicle are coupled in series while each front cylinder is coupled in series with the diagonally opposite rear cylinder and thus, the invention as claimed in the claims is novel. No suggestion pointing in the direction of such an arrangement can be found in the cited prior art; on the contrary, the cited prior art arrangements include other connections between cylinders in the system leading the skilled person away from the inventive arrangement. Therefore, the invention according to the claims is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention has industrial applicability.